THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) There in no special package for the development of big cities in various States as modern cities with modern facilities however, a Centrally sponsored scheme for development of infrastructure facilities is being implemented in the five mega cities of Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Development of Guwahati City

3200. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) which Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam asking money for the development of Guwahati in general and to improve the drinking water supply, in particular;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to develop the only city i.e. Guwahati in the North East ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Assam sent a water supply scheme of Greater Guwahati at an estimated cost of Rs. 400 crores in August, 1996. The project was scrutinised from technical angle and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation sent a modified project at an estimated cost of Rs. 444.00 crores in January, 1998. The project was recommended by the Ministry to DEA for OECF assistance during 1998-99. Ministry of Finance informed in April, 1998 that OECF, Japan has not included the Guwahati water supply project under their 1998-99 loan package. The Government of Assam requested this Ministry in May, 1998 to pose the project for World Bank assistance. This Ministry recommended the project proposal to DEA for World Bank assistance in June, 1998. Meanwhile, in 1996, a Storm Drainage Project was submitted by Govt, of Assam at an estimated cost of Rs. 153.00 crores for OECF, Japan assistance. This project was revised and also submitted for World Bank assistance on 16-6-98. The DEA informed this Ministry on 10-12-98 that the World Bank has expressed its unwillingness to provide financial assistance for the Guwahati Metropolitan Area Storm Drainage and Improvement and Water Supply Scheme of Greater Guwahati. The Govt, of Assam was informed accordingly vide letter dated 23rd December, 1998. A proposal for inter-State bus terminus at Guwahati

and a proposal for construction of way-side facilities for bus passengers in Guwahati have also been received. Besides this, Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has reported to have sanctioned 5 urban infrastructure schemes for Guwahati, two of them are for improvement of water supply system, one for drainage improvement, one for road improvement and one for construction of commercial-cum-office complex.

Taking over of Kalkaji Temple

3201. SHRI SHIBU SOREN : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously contemplating to take over the Kalkaji Temple in South Delhi and entrust the same to a Trust as was done with Vashno Devi shrine;

(b) if so, the details of the annual income of the Kalkaji Temple along with the details of the amount spent annually for its development and upkeep;

(c) the details of the encroachments, unauthorised constructions and the number of Jhuggi Jhopri built up in and around the green belt of the Temple; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) The Kalkaji Temple, which is visited by lakhs of devotees every month has had to face serious problems of inadequate infrastructure facilities, unauthorised construction, large scale misuse of premises including greens etc. To avoid any serious problem of public safety and security, the conditons in the premises need to be improved.

(b) No such details are available with Government.

(c) There are 5127 Jhuggis of eligible and ineligible squatters including commercial encroachments in and around the Kalkaji temple complex and its neighbourhood, including green belt.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

HUDCO Loan for Improvement of Road in Karnataka

3202. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has approached HUDCO for a loan to improve the roads leading to major tourist destinations